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Whitehall, May 10

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Proclamation to be Published, Requiring the putting in Execution the several Statutes made against the Importation of Iron-Wyer, Wooll-Cards, and other Manufactures made of Iron-Wyer; and for the Encouragement of the Manufactures of Iron-Wyer in this Kingdom.

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WHereas by several *Acts of Parliament made in the Third year of King* Edward *the Fourth, the First year of King* Richard *the Third, the Nine and thirtieth year of Queen* Elizabeth, *and the Fourteenth year of His now Majesties Reign, and other Statutes of this Kingdom, It is Enacted (amongst other things therein contained) That no Iron Threed (commonly called White Wyer) nor Cards for Wooll, nor Card-Wyer, nor Iron-Wyer for making of Wooll-Cards, shall be Imported into this Kingdom (wherein the best Iron Threed or Wyer is made;) And whereas by the Manufactures of making and drawing of Wyer, and of making Wooll-Cards, very many poor People and their Families have been employed and maintained, and the said Wooll-Cards are of great concernment to this Kingdom for the good making of Woollen Cloth; The Kings Most Excellent Majesty therefore taking the Premisses into His Princely consideration, and being sensible, that if the Importation of Forein Wyer, and other Manufactures aforesaid should be permitted, the same would tend not only to the destruction of the said Manufactures within His Dominions, and to the great prejudice of the ancient and profitable Trade of Clothing, and divers other Trades which do necessarily depend upon Iron Wyer, and the several Manufactures before specified, but also to the ruine of many hundreds of Families, whose so'e livelihood consists therein, Is graciously pleased for the preservation of the said useful Manufactures (which He is resolved to encourage) and for the good of His Subjects, by this His Royal Proclamation (with the Advice of His Privy Council) strictly to charge and command, That from henceforth no person or persons whatsoever, Natives, Denizens, Aliens, or others, do or shall Import, bring or convey, or cause to be Imported, brought or conveyed into any place or places within this His Realm of* England, *or Dominion of* Wales, *from or out of any part or place beyond the Seas, any of the said Forein Wyer or Wooll-Cards, or any other Manufactures made of Forein Iron-Wyer, contrary to the Acts of Parliament aforesaid, or any of them, or any other Law or Statute of this Kingdom, upon pain of forfeiture thereof according to the said Statutes one Moiety to His Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them that shall Seize the same, or such other Penalties and Forfeitures as by the Laws of this Kingdom and His Majesties Prerogative Royal may be inflicted upon the Offenders: And that under the like Penalties no old Iron-Wyer taken out of old Wooll-Cards, shall be put into new Leather or new Boards, and put to Sale. And His Majesty doth strictly charge and command as well the Governors, Assistants, and Society of the City of* London *of and for the Mineral and Battery Works, as also the Commissioners, Farmers, and all other Officers whatsoever of His Majesties Customs, and all other persons whatsoever, to Seize all such Forein Wyer and Commodities aforesaid as shall be Imported or Sold contrary to the said Statutes, and to this His Royal Proclamation, in whose hands soever the same shall be found: And that they and every of them be in all respects diligent and circumspect in the preventing the Importation of the several prohibited Commodities before specified, and in the discovering thereof when Imported, and that they make Seizure thereof according to Law, and cause the Offenders therein to be punished as to justice shall appertain. And His Majesty doth also hereby require all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables and other Officers whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting in all things touching the due execution of this His Majesties Royal Proclamation from time to time as occasion shall require, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost peril.*

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Third day of *May* 1678. In the Thirtieth year of our Reign.

Naples, April 19. The Letters we receive from *Messina*, speak onely of the great application of the Viceroy, to settle the Affairs of that City and Kingdom, to which his great moderation will, it's hoped, very much contribute. As yet that City is but in an ill condition, there being few or none of the Nobility, those that were there during the Rebellion, being all retired, and all its Inhabitants are very poor. Since the *French* abandoned *Sicily*, several ships belonging to them have come thither, not knowing what had hapned; some of them have fallen into the hands of the *Spaniards*, the rest have had timely notice thereof, to escape the danger. And we are even told, that several *French* Men of War, who parted from *Thoulon* the last month, have appeared some dayes since upon the Coast, bound for *Messina*, but having been informed that the Mareschal *de la Feuillade* had quitted all, they are returned towards *Provence*.

Dantzick, May 4. It is a sad spectacle to see the disorder and confusion this City is brought into, through the mutinous behaviour of the ordinary sort of people, who seem now to have shaken off all the respect and obedience which they owe to their Magistrates. Since our last, they have taken upon them to forbid the Heer *Ohmuth*, Minister of *St. John's* Church, to preach any more; and on Sunday last, as he was going up into the Pulpit, they compelled him to return, and to go out of the Church. Yesterday they fell upon the *Roman Catholicks*, who were in a Procession, and this day several houses have been plundered by them; where things will end, none knows.

Vienna, May 5. The Emperor has not granted all that was desired by the States of *Hungary*, who are at present